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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING ON LIABILITY OF
PRODUCERS

REF: A. STRASBOURG A-61

B. STRASBOURG 62 OF APRIL 17, 1974

EUR/RPE FOR VOGELGESANG AND L FOR DALTON

1. COUNCIL OF EUROPE HAS REQUESTED US OBSERVER FOR THE
SIXTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON PRODUCERS' LIABILITY
TO BE HELD IN STRASBOURG NOVEMBER 18 TO 22.

2. THE MEETING WILL CONSIDER THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON
PRODUCTS LIABILITY WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT FOR
POSSIBLE COMMENT AS ENCLOSURE TO REF A.

3. AS STRESSED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES THE CONVENTION COULD
HAVE IMPORTANT EFFECTS ON US EXPORTS TO EUROPE. WE BELIEVE
IT IMPORTANT THAT OUR VIEWS BE BROUGHT TO BEAR EARLY IN
THE DRAFTING OF THE CONVENTION IN ORDER TO AVOID, INSOFAR
AS POSSIBLE, ADOPTION OF POSITIONS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT US
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EXPORTS ADVERSELY. US PRODUCERS COULD BE LIABLE FOR

DAMAGES CAUSED BY DEFECTS OF THEIR PRODUCTS ON SAME BASIS AS EUROPEAN PRODUCERS. WE THEREFORE URGE ONCE AGAIN THAT US BE REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING BY AN EXPERT ON PRODUCT LIABILITY LAW.

4. COUNCIL OFFICIALS ASSURE US THAT US OBSERVER WOULD PARTICIPATE FULLY IN ALL DISCUSSIONS, BEING BANNED ONLY FROM DRAFTING COMMITTEE SESSIONS AND VOTES.

5. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER US WILL SEND QUALIFIED OBSERVER. IN ANY CASE CONSULATE HOPES TO RECEIVE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON DRAFT CONVENTION REQUESTED IN REF A.ROMINE

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